

# Locals' victory hopes nixed in World Cup qualifier

## Grinyer and Vince eclipsed in jump-off at Halton Place

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Local standout show jumpers Michael Grinyer and Ainsley Vince — and their trusty longtime mounts — were on top of their game at Halton Place Sunday afternoon.

Unfortunately, that wasn't quite enough to put them on top of the 20-entry field in the nearby facility's inaugural \$75,000 FEI World Cup Qualifier.

Thriving on a rather soggy grand prix ring to close out the two-week Canadian Country Classic, both Grinyer and Alcatraz and Vince and Catch 22 advanced to a four-way jump-off before being eclipsed by Orangeville's Frankie Chesler-Ortiz and Picolienzeldenrust.

Chesler-Ortiz and Grinyer each delivered another clean round — with Chesler-Ortiz upstaging the 53-year-old Campbellville equestrian by nearly two seconds in 52.65. While head and shoulders out front in terms of the clock — with a lightning-quick 49.27s — 30-year-old rural Miltonian Vince and Catch 22 took down the fourth rail in the jump-off and had to settle for third.

Grinyer and Vince collected \$15,500 and \$9,500 respectively for their top-three finishes — marking the best World Cup qualifying effort ever for Grinyer and the best this season for Vince. Perth's Amy Millar — daughter of 'Captain Canada' Ian Millar — rounded out the jump-off, placing fourth with Sweet Dreams.

Riding Alcatraz for about five years now, Grinyer said he wasn't really concerned about the previous day's downpour, adding that the 15-year-old

Holsteiner generally isn't hindered by a soft footing. "Being an older horse, he's got a lot of scope," noted Grinyer, who also finished in the money with a 10th-place effort aboard nine-year-old Garth. "He can handle the jumps in pretty much any condition."

Alcatraz certainly lived up to that claim, clearing all 14 jumps in the opening round and all eight in the jump-off without so much as rubbing any of them.

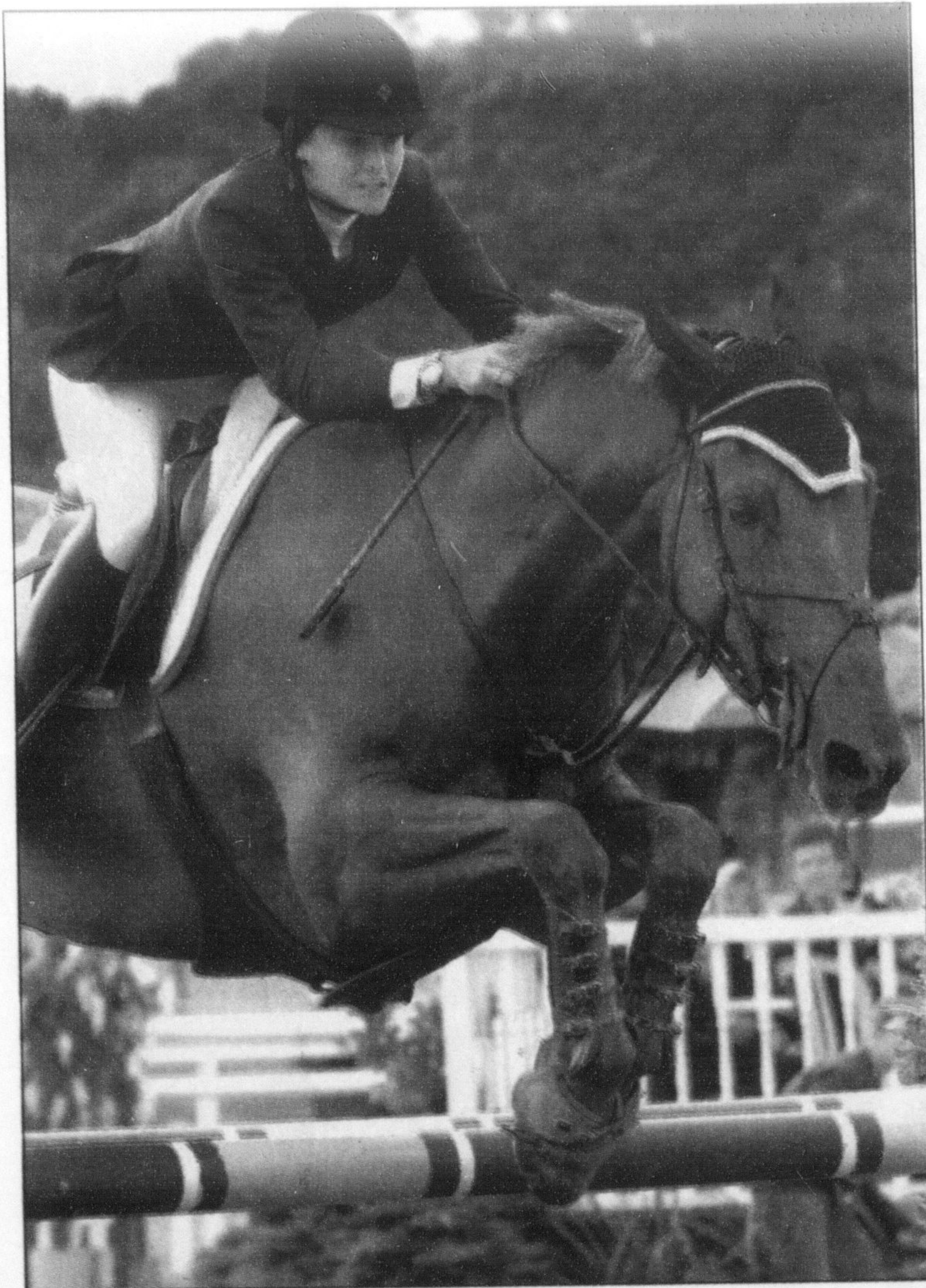
"The only problem was I didn't ride him fast enough," Grinyer said. "He usually does well indoors with the tight turns, but not quite as good outdoors. But he was great (at Halton Place) and it's nice to have an event like this so close to home now."

Unlike Alcatraz 34, Catch 22 has a tendency to be very sensitive on soft footing, which sparked plenty of concern for Vince heading into Sunday's grand prix.

"I thought there'd be big problems with all the rain the day before, and was quite worried," she recalled.

However, Catch 22 had just one minor hiccup overall and offered another reminder of why he's widely regarded as one of the speedsters on the grand prix circuit. "Speed's never an issue with him," Vince explained of the 16-year-old Dutch warmblood. "He just lost his footing a bit there before the purple rail and didn't quite have the push needed to clear it. But given the conditions, I was pleasantly surprised at how well he did."

The oldest of three equestrian sisters, Vince said the chance to compete so close to home alongside Courtney, 27, and Sydney, 24 — who both had 12 faults aboard Nalla and Uno — made her strong finish that much more rewarding.



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Ainsley Vince (above) and Michael Grinyer (inset) clear jumps with Catch 22 and Alcatraz respectively during Sunday's FEI World Cup Qualifier at Halton Place.



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